

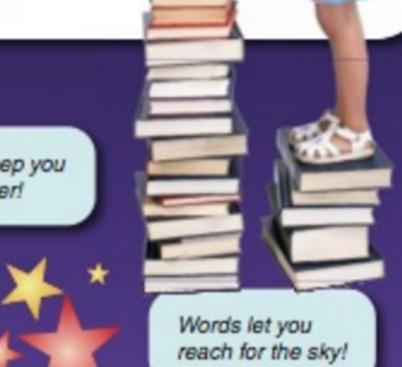
Wonderful words

Words are magical! They can make you disappear.
They help you unlock treasures. They let you fly like superheroes. Words are helpful. They transport you to faraway lands. Then they return you home again.
Words are useful. They let you ask questions and uncover answers. They help you unwrap secrets and retell stories. Words are wonderful!

Beginnings and endings

Stories have magical beginnings and endings. They can start once upon a time. They can end happily ever after. Some words have magical beginnings and endings, too! They start with word parts called **prefixes**. They end with word parts called **suffixes**.

Will you help the Word Wizards discover these magic words?



* Root words

Did you know that words are like plants? They have roots and can grow! Root words are the main parts of words. They carry the basic meaning and can stand alone. The words "grow" and "plant" are root words. They do not have prefixes or suffixes added to them.



This flower has roots. Words have roots, too!



Words grow

Words grow when we add prefixes and suffixes to them. The word "regrow" has the prefix "re." The word "plants" has the suffix "s." Learning how to add parts to root words helps your vocabulary grow. Your vocabulary is all the words you know and use.



We find flowers in fields and gardens. We find root words everywhere!

What is a prefix?

A prefix is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word. We add prefixes to change the meaning of words. Like words, each prefix has a meaning. The prefix "pre" means "before." The word "fix" means "to join." We can add "pre" to "fix" to make the word "prefix." The new word means to join something in front of something else. That is what we do with prefixes!



Word Wining training

The Word Wizard needs your help
to finish some sentences! Sentences
are complete thoughts or ideas. Read the
sentences below. They are missing some
words. Point to a word on the list to fill in
each blank. They all begin with the prefix
"re." "Re" means "again." When you are
finished, reread the sentences. The
word "reread" means to read again.

recycle rebuild repay retell rewrite reuse



Oh no! The dog ate my homework! Now I need to



building a block

they will

tower. If it falls down,

Changing the meaning

Some prefixes completely change the meaning of words. They make words that are the opposite of the root words. The prefixes "un" and "dis" both mean "not." The prefix "un" makes a happy girl unhappy. It lets you unlock a locked door. The prefix "dis" makes your little brother disagree with you. It makes ice cream quickly disappear!



Do you think these kids agree or disagree?

Is the boy lucky or unlucky? Is the ice cream appearing or disappearing? Word Windraining

Help the Word Wizard match up the words below. Some are root words. Others have prefixes. Use your finger to join words with opposite meanings. Can you discover all the answers?

clean like able obey pack honest unable dishonest unclean unpack disobey dislike

Does this girl like or dislike jam? Is her face clean or unclean?



What is a suffix?

A suffix is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a word. We add suffixes to change the meaning of words. We say, "A clown's unicycle has only one wheel. It is much easier to ride with training wheels!" The suffix "s" changes the meaning of the word "wheel," It changes it from singular to **plural**. Singular means only one. Plural means more than one.



Plural nouns

We add the suffix "s" to **nouns**. Nouns name people, animals, places, things, or ideas. Some nouns have special rules. We must add the suffix "es" to make them plural. The chart shows which nouns follow this rule.

ch lunch, watch sh dishes, crashes bus, cactus buses, cactuses dresses, glasses cactuses prefix, suffix prefixes, suffixes	Nouns end in	Singular	Plural
sh dish, crash dishes, crashes bus, cactus buses, cactuses dress, glass dresses, glasses prefix, suffix prefixes, suffixes	Cita iii	nound	nound
bus, cactus buses, cactuses dress, glasses prefix, suffix prefixes, suffixes	ch	lunch, watch	lunches, watches
dress, glass dresses, glasses prefix, suffix prefixes, suffixes	sh	dish, crash	dishes, crashes
x prefix, suffix prefixes, suffixes	S	bus, cactus	buses, cactuses
	SS	dress, glass	dresses, glasses
buzz, quiz buzzes, quizzes	x	prefix, suffix	prefixes, suffixes
	Z	buzz, quiz	buzzes, quizzes
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Time for tenses

Some suffixes tell us when things take place. We add these suffixes to verbs. Verbs are action words. The suffixes "s" and "ing" show action in the present tense. That means it is taking place right now. We say, "The girl jumps up and down. She is skipping rope." The verbs "jumps" and "skipping" are in the present tense.

We add the suffix "ed" to show actions in the past tense. Past tense means they have already taken place. We say, "The boy screamed when the frog hopped onto his nose." The verbs "screamed" and "hopped" are in the past tense.



Some root words have special rules. We must change the words when we add suffixes to them. This chart shows some of the rules.



Types of root words	Rules	Root words + suffixes	New words
Root word ends in a silent "e"	Drop the "e" before adding a suffix that begins with a vowel	bake + ing dance + ing smile + ed use + ed	baking dancing smiled used
Root word ends in a "y" and has a consonant before the "y"	Change the "y" to an "i" except when adding "ing"	fly + ing hurry + ing carry + ed try + ed	flying hurrying carried tried
Root word ends in a single consonant and has a single vowel before the last letter	Double the consonant before adding a suffix that begins with a vowel	begin + ing run + ing plan + ed shop + ed	beginning running planned shopped

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With or without

Some suffixes tell how much of something there is.

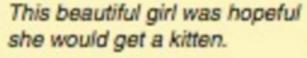
The suffix "less" means "without." It tells us someone or something does not have any. If you are fearless, you have no fear. A fearless superhero is not afraid of anything! If something is spotless, it has no dirty spots. Not even a superhero could make it cleaner!



Full house

The suffix "ful" means "full of." It tells us someone or something has plenty. If you are hopeful, you have a lot of hope. If something is beautiful, it is full of beauty. The word "beauty" ends in the letter "y." Remember that we change the "y" to an "i" before we add a suffix.

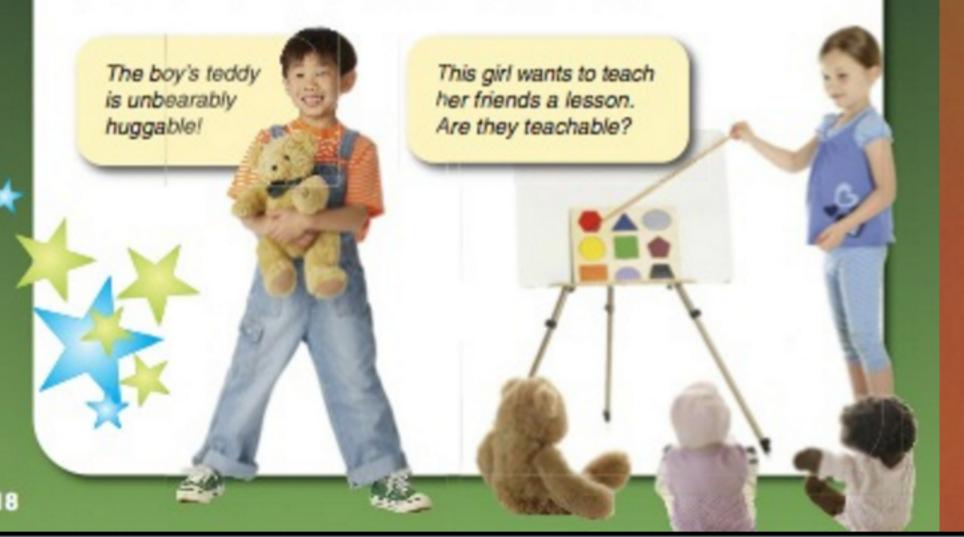






I think I can

The suffix "able" means "able to be." We add it to words to show something can be done. We say, "The boy loves his teddy bear! It is huggable and lovable." The word "huggable" means good for hugging. We double the letter "g" because the suffix begins with a vowel. The word "lovable" means easy to love. We drop the silent "e" from "love" before we add the suffix.





Break it down

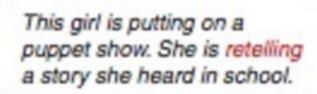
Some words have prefixes and suffixes. They look big and hard to understand! We can break them down to find their meanings. Look at the word "unbreakable." The root word is "break." The prefix "un" means "not." The suffix "able" means it can be done. So the word "unbreakable" describes something you cannot break.





Help the Word Wizard break down some words. Read the sentences below.

Study the red words in the sentences. What are the root words? What do the prefixes and suffixes mean? Then what do the whole words mean? Tell the Word Wizard how you discovered their meanings!



These boys squeezed into a small box. Now they are crowded and uncomfortable!

Grow your own words

Now it is your turn to be a
Word Wizard! Get a piece of
paper and a pencil. Choose
a root word from the chart.
Write it down. Add a prefix
or suffix to it. You changed
the word like magic!

Rewrite the same root word.

Add a different prefix or suffix to it.

Then retry it with a new root word.

Choose one from the list. Or think of your own. You can make lots of magic words. You are remarkable!

You are unstoppable! You are a Word Wizard!

Prefixes

dis, pre, re, un

Root words

care, cover, do, harm, heat, help, honest, try, use, view

Suffixes

able, ed, es, ful, ing, less, s

Magic words let you do unbelievable things!

